



GCC Debuts its *Voices of Nature* Podcast

March 16th, 2021, Global Conservation Corps (GCC) – GCC launches its *Voices of Nature* podcast to share the voices of dynamic, passionate leaders who are committed to saving and protecting the world's most threatened natural species.

Created and hosted by Bob Ludke, advisor to GCC, the *Voices of Nature* podcast aims to showcase the amazing work of people who have dedicated their lives to living and working in some of the most challenging places in the world. Its mission is also to explore solutions that all of us can be part of, in an effort to protect wildlife, and the ecosystems that all of us depend on for healthy, prosperous lives.

"The purpose of *Voices of Nature* is to encourage all of us to achieve a better world by sharing the courage, commitment, and determination of people working on the front lines of nature," said Ludke. "Each of these episodes leaves the listener with confidence that we can – and will – protect and preserve nature so that future generations can enjoy its splendor, be inspired by its beauty, and appreciate the many ways it connects us as humans."

In the inaugural podcast, Ludke talks with GCC Founder and Executive Director Matt Lindenberg about why he founded GCC, the people who inspired him, and why he believes education and promoting role models are the secret to animal conservation. Matt also tells what it feels like to come face to face with a lioness intent on protecting her pride.

In Episode 2, Ludke talks with Anton Mzimba about his life as a ranger in South Africa's Timbavati Private Game Reserve. Mzimba shares what it feels like to stand up to poachers and the enormous cost rangers like him must bear in doing so.

In Episode 3, Allison Devlin, a postdoctoral research associate with Panthera, shares her work protecting the world's 40 wild cat species and their ecosystems. Listeners will discover the Pantanal region of Brazil, the jaguars that live there, and solutions to providing opportunities for the local communities living in the region.

"All of us experience nature in different ways," said Ludke. "My hope is that by bringing forward these amazing stories and the passion of the people behind them, all of us are better able to appreciate nature, no matter where we live or how we encounter it."

The *Voices of Nature* Podcast Series to Date

Episode 1: Matt Lindenberg discusses the vision of the Global Conservation Corps

Episode 2: Anton Mzimba talks about his life as park ranger in South Africa.

Episode 3: Allison Devlin brings us into the Pantanal region of Brazil

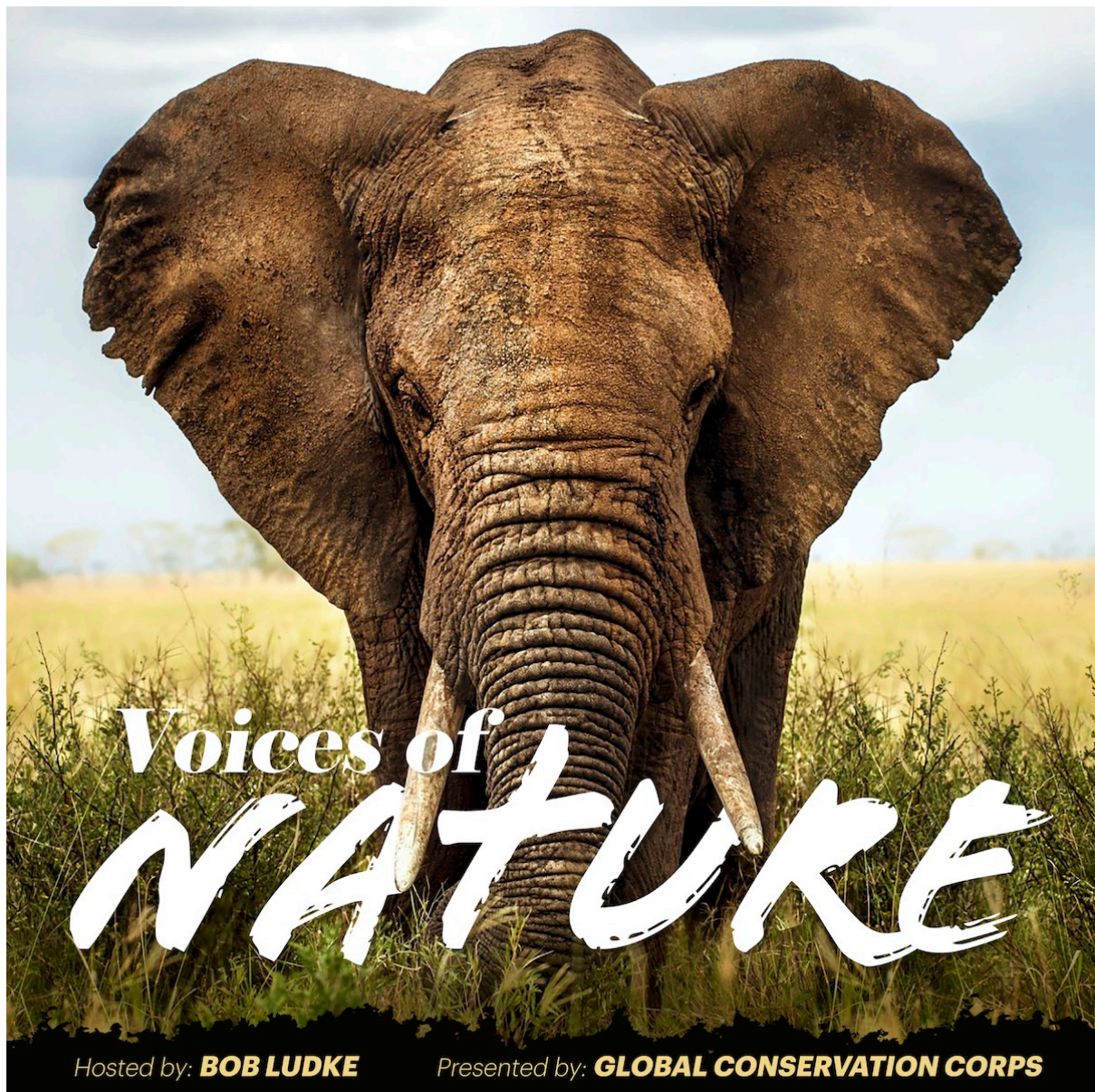
Episode 4: Cara Khan inspires us with her journey into the Grand Canyon

Episode 5: Michele Sofisti educates us about the importance of biodiversity

Episode 6: Kate Vannelli shares her love for art, wildlife, and cheetahs

Accessing the Podcast

The podcast is available directly on the GCC website – globalconservationcorps.org – and via Apple Podcasts and Spotify.



About Us

We are the Global Conservation Corps, a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that is dedicated to conserving the natural world by bridging the gap between people and wildlife. Few know that many communities surrounding wildlife reserves in South Africa rarely have access to them. Children grow up never seeing wildlife, leaving them disconnected from their national heritage and susceptible to bribing by crime syndicates. GCC works in these communities to provide conservation education, career guidance and employment opportunities for the next generation of conservations and wildlife guardians.

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